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STATE NEWS ARRANGED FOR QUICK READING.

The Greenwood county commissioners borrowed \$80,000 last week at 2.45 per cent.

Wade Hampton Gibbs, formerly mayor of Columbia, has been appointed Federal inspector of Indian affairs throughout the United States.

Governor Manning has not yet signed the two quarts a month law. The act will not go into effect until twenty days after he has signed it.

During the month of February, 212 cases were tried in the Greenville police court. During the month 57 persons were arrested charged with drunkenness.

Up to Thursday 39 fire insurance companies doing business in South Carolina have announced their withdrawal from the state owing to the anti-compact insurance law.

The Chick Springs hotel is to be sold at auction on April 3. The Chick Springs hotel which is located near Greenville, has been operated two seasons and is one of the most popular resorts in the state.

The Piedmont & Northern railway has taken an option on a lot in Gaffney upon which it proposes to build a depot.

The city council of Anderson has petitioned Governor Manning to call a special session of the legislature to repeal the anti-compact law which has caused several fire insurance companies to leave the state.

Orangeburg will have a new factory for making brooms and mattresses.

For sheriff of Williamsburg county there will probably be nine candidates to succeed Geo. J. Graham, who has had the place for fifteen years.

Southern Railway office at Spartanburg reports an increase of \$30,000 in its freight business there for February of this year over the same month last year.

Newton D. Baker, the new secretary of war, was a pupil of Rev. Dr. W. H. K. Pendleton, of Spartanburg, when the latter taught in a male academy in Virginia some years ago.

Arch B. Calvert, of Spartanburg, has bought the old White Stone Springs property at auction, paying therefor \$6,550.

Laurens, having overstepped her rights and permitted her charter to expire, a movement is on foot to put the city under commission form of government.

The liquor stock left over in the Orangeburg dispensary was sold to Heyman of Augusta for \$4,740. It invoiced \$11,000, but the trade is considered a very good one under the circumstances.

St. Matthews is making an effort to get the Parr Shoals Co. to run a power line through that town on the way from Columbia to Orangeburg, so that St. Matthews many have electricity for many uses.

Fred H. Dominick of Newberry, who made a big run for congress in the third district two years ago, has announced his candidacy again. Mr. Dominick declines to be sidetracked for the place of solicitor now held by Mr. Cooper.

S. H. McLean, traveling passenger agent of the Southern railway, carried to Charlotte for the "Birth of a Nation" more than 1,100 persons from Yorkville, Kershaw, Chester and other points.

Death of Former Resident.

Relatives in this city Thursday received intelligence of the death on Wednesday of Mr. L. M. Dinkins, which occurred at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla. The despatch merely stated that Mr. Dinkins had died, but it was known that he had been in ill health for a year or more.

Mr. L. M. Dinkins was for years a resident of Fort Mill township and was widely known throughout this section. For many years he operated Dinkins' ferry, on Catawba river, three miles south of Fort Mill, and through this work became acquainted with people from a wide scope of the country. Mr. Dinkins moved with his wife to St. Petersburg, Fla., about 15 years ago, his daughter, Miss Mamie, having married Mr. Caldwell Henry, a prominent business man of that city. Mr. Dinkins was 70-odd years of age and is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Henry, of St. Petersburg, and two sisters, Mrs. Alice Sutton and Mrs. Lizzie Ormand, both of Fort Mill.

Mr. Dinkins was a man who was highly esteemed by all who knew him and the announcement of his death was received with keen regret by his many friends here.

Ebenezer Calls Mr. McLees.

Of interest to Fort Mill people generally is the announcement that the Rev. R. G. McLees, of Chatham, Va., has been called to the pastorate of Ebenezer Presbyterian church, four miles north of Rock Hill. Ebenezer has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. Mr. Dendy, several months ago. The call to Mr. McLees followed a congregational meeting at Ebenezer Sunday, the vote for a pastor being unanimous for Mr. McLees.

Rev. Mr. McLees is well known in Fort Mill and vicinity. He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. J. B. Elliott and aside from his acquaintances formed by a number of visits here, he has preached in the local Presbyterian church several times in the last few years. His many friends in this section hope that he will accept the call to Ebenezer church.

Local Veterans Invited.

Capt. J. W. Ardrey of this city has received from the Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce an invitation to the Confederate veterans of the township to attend the annual State reunion to be held in Rock Hill on March 25 and 26. Rock Hill is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment of the old soldiers when they visit that city, and those who intend to attend the reunion may be assured of a much better time if they will communicate the fact at once to Mr. W. R. Timmons, who is the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Rock Hill.

Can't Hold the Companies.

The department of justice of the Federal government at Washington has notified Senator Tillman that nothing could be done to prevent the fire insurance companies from withdrawing from South Carolina. Commissioner F. H. McMaster had asked Senator Tillman to ascertain if the Federal government could prevent the wholesale withdrawal.

A large majority of the companies have announced their intention to discontinue doing business in this state, as a result of the passage of the anti-compact law.

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY BRIEFLY PARAPHRASED

(Yorkville Enquirer, Friday.)

Governor Manning has reappointed Mr. O. K. Williams of Rock Hill, to be agent for the Catawba Indians.

President Wilson on Wednesday sent to the senate his nomination of V. Brown McFadden to be postmaster at Rock Hill.

"No, the county hasn't borrowed any money this year yet," said Supervisor Boyd Wednesday. "Thus far it hasn't been necessary although it doubtless will be before taxes come in again."

"The southern part of Clover where the Clover oil mill is located and where the new cotton mill is being built has been christened South Clover," remarked a Clover man yesterday. "People have already begun calling it that and the name will in all probability stick."

Dr. Robert M. Crawford, son of Dr. T. A. Crawford of Rock Hill, was badly injured in the wreck of a special car in which he was traveling with a number of Red Cross agents who were giving "first aid" lessons over the country. The wreck occurred between Grenada and Greenwood, Miss.

Gasoline has advanced one cent a gallon in the past few days and is going higher. So the oil men say and so most of the consumers of the stuff believe. The retail price throughout the county varies anywhere from 27 to 30 cents a gallon. Yorkville is the highest market in the county, and this is said to be due to the municipal license tax which was imposed on oil companies and local dealers some time ago.

Negro Was Worth \$100,000.

Levi Kirkland, who lived near Westville, Kershaw county, died last Wednesday morning, at the age of 70 years. He was a good negro and at all times peaceable, quiet and unassuming. He was also very industrious and frugal, and possessed excellent business judgment. Though a slave prior to the emancipation and with only the meager rudiments of an education, he managed to gather a fortune approximately, perhaps, of about \$100,000, largely represented in land, of which he had accumulated some 8,000 or more acres.

Cold Wave Expected.

That a cold wave of intense severity would invade the South last night was stated in a Washington despatch of yesterday, and if the weather clears, frost was predicted as far south as northern Florida this morning. The cold wave, it was promised, would be preceded by general rains throughout the South.

Billy Sunday's Challenge.

Opening his service in Baltimore Sunday, the Rev. Billy Sunday delivered this challenge to the forces of evil:

"Come on! Come on, you forces of iniquity in Baltimore that have made the church a sin! Come out! I defy the every dirty one of you! Come on, you traducers; come on, you triple extract of infamy; come on, you assassins of character; come on, you sponsors of harlotry; come on, you defamers of God and enemies of the church; come on, you bull-necked, beetle-browed, hog-jowled, peanut-brained, weasel-eyed four-flushers—you false alarms and excess baggaged; in the name of God, I challenge and defy you!"

UNCLE SAM IS AFTER VILLA'S BANDIT MOB

As the result of a raid early Thursday morning upon the border town of Columbus, N. M., in which a number of United States soldiers were killed and wounded and several civilians met death, the Administration at Washington has decided to send an army of approximately 5,000 into Mexico to kill or to capture Francisco Villa, leader of the bandits. The United States troops will enter Mexico as soon as necessary arrangements are completed, probably before the end of the week.

The raid on Columbus Thursday morning by Villa was unexpected by either the troops stationed there or the civilians, and the Mexicans had done much looting and murder before the people could put up an effective defense.

The war department at Washington has been practically assured of co-operation by the Carranza government to capture Villa and the movement of United States troops does not mean armed intervention of Mexico, the dispatches state. The situation, however, is a very grave one and the people of this country will watch with great interest the outcome of our government's action.

Official reports from the border yesterday contained no word of important troop movement. Before he went to the cabinet meeting, Secretary Baker said he had nothing to indicate when the expedition into Mexico would start.

After the "Tigers."

There was consternation in the ranks of the blind tigers and suspected blind tigers of the town the last week when a wholesale round-up of the gentry was made as a result of the operations of two colored detectives. There were a dozen or more haled before the mayor and this resulted in the town treasury being enriched something like \$50. Two of those convicted were given 30- and 60-day sentences. All of the defendants were colored and about half of the cases are yet to be tried.

Grant Must Face Chair.

The slaying of Jesse T. Durst at Johnson, Edgefield county, nearly ten years ago is to be avenged on April 14. After deliberating one hour and a half the jury in the Joe Grant case returned a verdict Friday afternoon of murder in the first degree. Judge Moore fixed April 14 for the electrocution of Grant, which date will mark the tenth anniversary of the homicide.

Immediately after the verdict was rendered counsel for the defendant made a motion for a new trial, which was overruled by the court.

Five Candidates for Governor.

Three persons having already announced their candidacy for governor, there are now five aspirants for the place, as follows: Richard I. Manning, Robert A. Cooper, Cole L. Blease, John M. DesChamps and John T. Duncan.

Cotton was quoted on this market yesterday at 11 3-8 cts.

CONGRESSMAN FINLEY STANDS BY PRESIDENT

Representative Finley, dean of the South Carolina delegation in congress, and speaking for it, on the issue of warning Americans off of armed ships, said in Washington Tuesday:

"In this most serious crisis in our international relationship the South Carolina delegation feels that it should not interfere with the president in the exercise of his constitutional duty and right to conduct as he deems best, with all the information before him, the diplomatic negotiations of the government with foreign countries. Even if it desired to interfere congress has not before it the diplomatic correspondence so essential to an intelligent decision on the questions involved."

"Congress alone has the power to declare war and if the time comes when diplomacy is exhausted, the president will submit all the facts and circumstances to congress and we can then decide whether or not they constitute sufficient cause for a declaration of war."

The South Carolina delegation stood solidly behind the president.

The Elks of Greenwood have leased the most beautiful residence in that city for their home. The Greenwood lodge is made up of the representative citizens.

Columbia lovers of good horse flesh are planning to attend the horse show in Camden, March 30 and 31, and special trains may be operated.

Special Silk Sale

Next Wednesday and Thursday, TWO DAYS ONLY

\$1.00 quality Silk for only 84 cents.

\$1.25 quality Silk for only 98 cents.

New lot of Skirts, Spring Hats, New Fancy Silk Hose and other new things.

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